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COLOR GUARD! POST THE COLORS!

On September 8, 2021, an “in-person” Oath of Allegiance ceremony for new American citizens was held at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens in Grapevine, Texas. The ceremony was hosted by the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter of the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution in conjunction with the U. S. Customs and Immigration Service.

What is significant about this event? This is the first public event in north Texas recognizing newly naturalized American citizens since COVID restrictions were imposed approximately eighteen months ago.

Approximately 21 new American citizens appeared at this ceremony. They came from around the world ... from Russia, India, Brazil, Canada, Kenya, and Mexico, just to mention a few.

The colors were posted by the Major K M Van Zandt color guard. U. S. Chief District Judge Barbara M. G. Lynn administered the Oath of Allegiance to the attendees. Judge Lynn mentioned during her speech that she too is the offspring of immigrants noting that her own grandparents immigrated from Russia many years earlier.

By Mike Connelley
President, Denton Chapter



The Captain Molly Corbin chapter reached out to the Major K M Van Zandt SAR Chapter in Fort Worth to provide an appropriate color guard for the event. Four members of the color guard responded to this event: Ron Turner, James Alderman, Van Cunningham, and Bobby Gresham.



Chief U. S. District Judge Barbara M. G. Lynn, U. S. District of North Texas, herself a descendant of Russian immigrant grandparents, addressing the group of new naturalized citizens on the tasks and responsibilities of being a new U. S.





The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard preparing to post the colors at the naturalization ceremony in Grapevine, Texas. Left to right, James Alderman, Vann Cunningham, Bobby Gresham, and Ron Turner.



New American citizens having their keepsake photograph taken with Ron Turner, President of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth, TX.



In the photo on the left, the Color Guard advances to Post the Colors at the beginning of the ceremony.

In the photo above, the Color Guard advances to Retrieve the Colors at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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2022

- Feb 19 George Washington’s Birthday Parade
Laredo, TX
- Mar 3-5 Spring Leadership
Louisville, KY
- Mar 30-Apr 3 Texas Society State Convention
Richardson, TX
- Jul 10-15 NSSAR Annual Congress
Savannah, GA
- Aug TBD Summer Texas Society BOM
ZOOM
- Sep 29-Oct 1 Fall Leadership
Louisville, KY



Patriot Day Gathering



Morning

The Freedom Chapter Color Guard gathered early in the morning on Patriot Day (September 11th) to remember the nearly 450 plus Firefighters who died on September 11, 2001, some 20 year ago. During this very moving ceremony in The Woodlands, the firefighters' names and stations were read. A number in the audience wept during this remembrance as the names were read. Councilman Gordy Bunch and Congressman Kevin Brady provided eulogies with their personal remembrances of the day. Firefighter eulogies, song, and prayers concluded with the Amazing Grace played on bag pipes.

Shown left to right are: Compatriots David Hamaker, Ed Sellards, and John Kenton Thompson.

Afternoon

Pictured above during an afternoon continued remembrance of September 11, 2001, on The Woodlands' Village Green, are Compatriots Ed Sellards, John Kenton Thompson, and John Meredith from Freedom Chapter SAR and the GSW1812 Color Guard. The gathering saw about 250 to 300 in attendance, and they passed out business cards to all who came by for a question or a photo. Compatriot Thompson stated it was a pleasant Saturday afternoon, but a bit warm for full dress uniforms. They were attempting to keep those uniforms fresh for Gainesville. "Keep your powder dry," says Compatriot Thompson.



NSSAR Recognizes Texas Societies for NSDAR & N.S.C.A.R.

On Constitution Day, September 18th, President Drake Peddie presented National Awards to the Texas Societies of both the NSDAR and the N.S.C.A.R. Both awards were issued by then President General Jack T. Manning at the 131st NSSAR Congress held in Renton, Washington, on July 12, 2021.



In the above photo, President Peddie presented Marcy Carter-Lovick, Texas DAR State Regent, with a certificate from the NSSAR to the Texas Society NSDAR for First Place in the DAR/SAR Membership Award for being the DAR State Society with the highest number of submitted and approved SAR members during 2020-2021.



In this photo, President Peddie presented Catherine Jackson, State President for the Texas Society C.A.R., with a certificate from the NSSAR to the Texas Society C.A.R. for the Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award. The award is given to the C.A.R. State Society that has been judged for having the best newsletter by the guidelines set up by the N.S.C.A.R. for 2020-2021.

2022 SAR CONGRESS SAVANNAH, GEORGIA JULY 10-15, 2022

Registration for Hotel Rooms at Congress has opened.

The link for on-line reservations is:

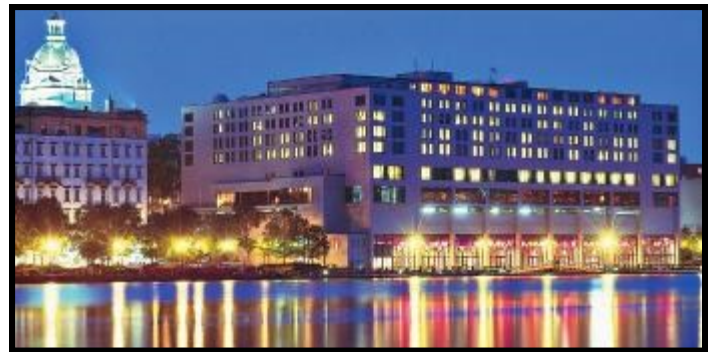
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

For phone reservations, call

877.803.7534

Use the Group Code **G-NSSA**

Hyatt Regency Hotels utilizes a centralized reservations system so be sure to specify the reservation is for the **Hyatt Regency Savannah**



Saturday, 9 July
EXCOM/SAR Foundation

Sunday, 10 July
Tours and Host Reception

Monday, 11 July
Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, & Rumbaugh Orations

Tuesday, 12 July
Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, & Award Night

Wednesday, 13 July
Ladies Luncheon & PGs Banquet

Thursday, 14 July
Last tour and Installation Banquet

Friday, 15 July
EXCOM/SAR Foundation

LIVING LEGEND CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Veterans don't often think of the women who have served in the military during war time. On June 24, 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Martha T. Cowan celebrated her 100th birthday at the Lewisville Estates in Lewisville, Texas. The Women in Military Service for American Memorial invited the Dallas Sons of the American Revolution to a "Living Legend Proclamation Ceremony in her honor."

There were very few roles for women in the military service in WW II. She was stationed with the Civil Air Patrol in the Rocky Mountain Region Colorado. She became one of the few women pilots who volunteered to fly planes to overseas destinations. After spending thirteen years in the service and attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, she was discharged.

Even after that, she continued to work as an engineer on the West Coast and flight trained future astronauts. As a project officer, she lent her expertise with IACE and won an award in 1970 for her work. At a dinner with then President Eisenhower, she was asked about her experiences as a pilot during the war. Her reply was "Terrifying."


For her remarkable career, she was presented an American Flag that had flown over the U S Capital, plus a commendation from the Pentagon for her role in the war effort and what women could achieve in the military. The Dallas Chapter presented Lieutenant Colonel Martha Cowan the Bronze Good Citizenship medal for her service in the Army Air Corp. Sons of the American Revolution in attendance were Bill Watts, Mark Harrison, Tom Whitelock, John Greer, Jerry Pinkerton, and Brent Harshman. As they left, they gave this remarkable woman a salute and she returned one of her own with a smile.

SAR members along with Women in Military Service for American Memorial behind

By Ted Wilson
Edmund Terrill Chapter #34




Bill Watts, Mark Harrison, Tom Whitelock, Martha Cowan, John Greer, Jerry Pinkerton, and Brent Harshman



WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA

The Living Legend Proclamation

LTC Martha Cowan



**24 June 2021
1400
Lewisville Estates
800 College Parkway
Lewisville, TX 75077**



Archives/History/Yearbook

by Texas SAR Historian

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John Anderson, Arlington Chapter #7

CHAPTER YEARBOOKS

Having not met in-person for two years, last October was a great month for the Texas SAR. We met for the 2021 Fall BOM in Clear Lake City, Texas, in the Hilton Hotel just across the highway from NASA. Congratulations to the Galveston chapter for overcoming some unexpected hardships and conducting a great Texas SAR BOM.

I collected a few chapter items and yearbooks and plan to take them in November to the UNT Willis Library Special Collections archives. I give a big thanks to those donating chapters and will continue this collection for donating chapters at all future in-person Texas state meetings. I have blank copies of the UNT required donation form, the same as available on their website and our Texas SAR public website. Chapter minutes, newsletters, activity programs/agendas and photos, and old yearbooks are the most common items archived, but other documents can be donated too. UNT prefers electronic images of your donations, but paper donations are good too.

Having not met in-person for so long, this past October in-person meeting gave us the opportunity to catch up on judging yearbooks. Both the calendar year-end yearbooks for 2019 and 2020 were judged. Thanks for those entries and I wish to give a special thanks to Compatriot Carl Wiggins of the Cradle of Texas chapter for his leadership in organizing and conducting of the actual judging process. Texas State SAR President Drake Peddie also recognized his effort by giving him a Certificate of Appreciation. Previously announced but worth repeating are the winners.

Our Texas SAR Americanism Awards committee presented the following Yearbook awards.

2019 Yearbooks by chapter member size:

Over 99	1st Dallas Chapter #2
	2nd Paul Carrington Chapter #5
50-99	1st East Fork Trinity Chapter #47
	2nd McKinney Chapter #63
Under 50	1st Edmund Terrill Chapter #34
Digital (all sizes)	1st Arlington Chapter #7
	2nd Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

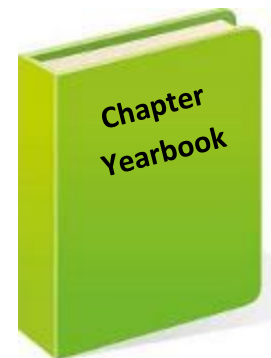
2020 Yearbooks by chapter member size:

Over 99	1st Dallas Chapter #2
50-99	1st Piney Woods Chapter #51
	2nd East Fork Trinity Chapter #47
	3rd McKinney Chapter #63
Under 50	1st Edmund Terrill Chapter #34
Digital (all sizes)	no entries

Congratulations to those chapters for their entry and winning place. Please talk up the organization and contents of your entries to inspire more chapters to participate. There are no official rules on preparation or organization of your Yearbook. The thought is to encourage your creativity. You should construct it the way you think readers would enjoy. Some chapters have binders with its contents in date order, others have binders in content order (minutes, newsletters, activities with photos, etc.), and others don't use binders but have its contents published in book form by local and internet vendors. And still others prepare a digital or video entry. Regardless of form, photos with captions are a plus.

For preparation guidelines, I suggest yearbooks should be for the calendar year (same as dues year) and not your chapter fiscal year. Note the overall appearance and content inclusion will affect the judging results. An entry with minutes and newsletters will probably out score an entry missing a routine category. But again, there are no official rules. It's how creative and how thorough you capture your chapter activities with a pleasing appearance that will be reflected in your score placement. If submitting both a paper binder and digital images of its contents, then the digital image version will not be judged but forwarded to the UNT archive. If that's the case, then please mark the inside cover of those binders or books indicating it has been archived.

We look forward to April 2022 when we will be hopefully collecting the 2021 Chapter Yearbooks and in-person judging once again. We are expecting more entries, with even more creative ideas of how to prepare and organize the contents. Contact me if you have questions. Thanks again for your past entries.



MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

Saturday, September 25, 2021, was a mild sunny day in North Texas and a great day for a parade. It was also the first year that the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas, became a National Color Guard event. I got a count of thirty-nine guardsmen in Sons of the American Revolution uniforms, not to mention other SAR members who lined the streets and cheered us as we passed by. We had representation from 11 chapters in the state and I can only say if you did not attend, you missed out on a great event. There were ten guardsmen who rode on a trailer, plus Margaret Anderson and June Mearns from the DAR Society. There were at least two small groups of Daughters of the American Revolution ladies who walked the parade route from various chapters.

The parade had been canceled in 2020 due to Covid-19 and it looked as though everyone who participated was ready to do something different. The lineup of entries on Broadway had been changed with the SAR finding itself being a block east of where we normally line up. However, those who wore the Medal of Honor were still lined up in the same area. This year's parade included Seabees and Purple Heart recipients.

The Grand Marshall of the parade was Patrick (Pat) Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient. As we were parade unit number 40, we were able to watch the first thirty-six entries go by. It was the first time some had gotten to see that much of the parade. An advantage point was being on the trailer for photos. I am sure that Les Anderson will have some good ones too. The first unit in the parade led off at 10:00 am and the last unit finished shortly after 11:00 am as the route was approximately one mile. After the parade was completed, Blair Rudy, Texas State Color Guard Commander; gathered those whose first time it was to participate in the parade. With the proper paperwork filled out, he

handed out 15 sets of the Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medals as it was their first time to be in a National Parade in Texas. No other event or points were required to receive this metal.

Each year after the parade and dinner, the Medal of Honor personnel are taken to the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce/Convention Center where they meet the public and sign books and photos. I visited with Pat Brady and James Taylor to get their view on the new Medal of Honor Museum to be built in Arlington, Texas. They welcomed the new location and hoped that everyone who visited it would take something away. They said we needed to take the time to read what each receipt did to receive their medal. They suggested that many should consider the military service as a career and obtain a college education.

How does this medal compare to others? It is awarded by the President of the United States of America. It could be compared to the Public Service Awards from the SAR or a SAR member receiving the Patriot Medal. You don't have to go out looking for them; they come to you unexpected. For more information, go to the National Medal of Honor Museum <<https://mohmuseum.org/>>.

By Ted Wilson
Chapter







RED, WHITE, BOON

This is the theme of the July 4th parade in McKinney, Texas. It would be on a Saturday, July 3rd, and the McKinney Chapter entered it and asked the Edmund Terrill Chapter to join them. After entering, it was discovered that the entries would be judged before the parade and the winner announced during the parade.

How were we going to decorate a trailer with that theme in mind? David Kinsey, Tom Milton, and Ted Wilson each made suggestions as to what needed to be highlighted. We should have the United States Flags, Texas Flag, and Sons of the American Revolution flags on the trailer and the branches of the military. One idea led to another, and we ended up putting the name of each military service on poster board and the year they were established. These were attached to the sides of the trailer. A rack was constructed to be placed down the center of the trailer where all the flags, plus those of the branches of the services, could be displayed. This allowed for eight SAR members to ride the trailer with four on each side. Other flags and banners were placed on the pickup that pulled the trailer.

A large crowd from young to old had gathered along the parade route and helped to make it a great day. We had a nice representation for the SAR which included Gary Barker, Bob Johns, Ted Wilson, Tom Milton, Bill Hurst, Don Babbs, Ray Hargis, John Greer, David Kinsey, T. L. Holden, and Allan Roach. As a result of the efforts by many North Texas Compatriots, our float was awarded 1st place in the Patriotic Class. The award included a cash price of \$500, which was equally divided between Edmund Terrill and the McKinney Chapters.

By Ted Wilson
Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

Pictured left to right:

Gary Barker, Bob Johns, Ted Wilson, Tom Milton, Bill Hurst, Don Babbs, Ray Hargis, John Greer, David Kinsey, Ron Perkins, T. L. Holden, and Allan Roach

LIFE/PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP IN SAR

Texas SAR Perpetual Membership pays National, State, and Chapter dues for life. National and State dues are paid at the rate in effect each year even if they are increased. Chapter dues are paid at the rate of \$9.50.

The rate is based on the age of the applicant and is twice the National Life Membership Plan cost. The National Life Membership Rates may be found on the [Application for Enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan form](#). Your Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Rate can be automatically calculated for you on the [Fee Calculator](#) page.

A Texas SAR Perpetual Membership may be purchased in two equal installments. The first installment will be used by the Texas SAR Treasurer to purchase a National Life Membership for the Applicant. The Applicant would be required to pay State and Chapter dues until the second installment is paid. After the second installment is paid, the Applicant would not be required to pay future State or Chapter dues.

Compatriots wishing to purchase a Texas SAR Perpetual Membership should complete the National Life Membership Plan form and send the completed form and payment to the Texas SAR Treasurer.

2022 DUES NOTICES

You should have already received your 2022 Dues Invoice at your home mail box as long as you have a deliverable address on file with the Texas Society. Keep in mind that your dues are considered late on January 1, 2022. If they are still unpaid 30 days later, NSSAR will drop you from the roles and you will start to show a gap in your service and not get your magazine. If you have not already done so, please pay them online or by mail as soon as you can to avoid a lapse in your SAR Service! As in previous years, you have 3 options for paying your dues.

Online/Paypal (option 1) - The Texas Society encourages everyone to use this option, and pay your dues by credit card through PayPal. You would need to go to the TexasSAR.org website site and enter your National SAR # and Name as it appears on your Membership Certificate. Then, select your primary chapter and any others you maintain dual membership with and follow the checkout procedures. Here is the link <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm>.

US Mail (option 2) - You simply take the bottom section of the form you receive in the mail and send a check for the amount indicated with the pre-addressed envelope, stamp it and return it to us by US mail. You will notice this invoice has been modified again and cleaned up this year with some useful information on it - all 3 sections have similar information. As we did last year, we now consider this to be your PRIMARY Chapter Dues Statement - it only includes dues for your Primary Chapter, State Dues, and National Dues, where applicable.

US Mail (option 3) - Use this option if you want to pay by check, but did NOT get a dues notice in the mail or want to pay NOW for whatever reason. You would need to go to the TexasSAR.org private website and grab your dues notice online and print it out and mail it back in with a check. This option is available NOW on the TexasSAR.org website. Here is the link <https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/invoice.htm>. (You will need a login ID and password. If you do not know them, please contact your Chapter President.

Donations - Our society has many beneficial funds that you can donate to for great purposes. Each year, when you renew your membership is a great time to make a donation to one of several great options. All Donation \$ will be allocated as you indicate on the form. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!



Gary Lovell Wins Raffle

Billy Mayo, President of Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 (Galveston), and Drake Peddie, President of the Texas Society SAR, authorized a tricorn hat raffle at the Board of Managers Meeting in October in Clear Lake. The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter administered the raffle. Gary Lovell, West Fork-Trinity Chapter #47 (Rockwall), won the raffle and wears the tricorn hat in the above photo. Gary was able to select the hat from Townsends and chose the Standard Wool Felt Tricorn Brown hat with brown trim.

If you are so inspired to purchase one for yourself, the link to the hat at Townsends is

<https://www.townsends.us/products/standard-wool-felt-tricorn-brown-th-806>

The proceeds from the raffle were sent to the Texas Society.

John Michael Hamlin

January 24, 1950 - October 4, 2021

Requiescat in pace

The Texas Society lost one of its most prominent leaders on Monday, October 4, 2021.

John Michael Hamlin of League City, Texas, passed away at the age of 71. John became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution on September 14, 2014, through the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter in Galveston.

John was born on January 24, 1950, in Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone, to John Edward and Edith Paulk Hamlin. He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1968. After his return from serving in the United States Army in Vietnam, John received his Bachelor's degree from Howard University. He then earned his Master's degree from Texas Southern University in Educational Leadership.

For 27 years, John worked tirelessly in education. He served in Galveston, Harris, and Fort Bend counties with a passion for teaching special needs children at the Middle and High School level. He also coached football, basketball, and track. He was a beloved teacher and coach, and his compassion was noted not only by students, but also by parents and colleagues.

John was an enthusiastic lover of American and Texas History. He was actively involved in the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and received countless awards for his service, including the Silver Roger Sherman Medal, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, and the Patriot Medal, the highest award that a state society can present to one of its members. At the time of his passing, he held the position of Secretary of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter (Galveston) and Vice President of Americanism Contests, Medals, & Awards. He was also a Past President of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter. He was also a member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He enjoyed being a holy smoker at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Texas City Clinic.

A military service was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at The Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Burial was followed by a memorial service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston.

John is survived by his wife of 34 years, Melissa Hamlin; his two sons Shawn (Janet) Smith and Brad (Pam) Smith; his sister, Rene (Ron) Helms; his sisters-in-law, Linda Coney and Teresa (Gene) Watts; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, five nieces and nephews and five great nieces and nephews.

John can trace his lineage back to his 4th great-grandparents, John Hamlin and Lucy Barton. He was born March 12, 1761, in Somers, Hartford County, Connecticut and died October 30, 1825, in Somers. John enlisted in 1777 as a private in the Connecticut Continental Army in the company commanded by Captain Elijah Blackman and the regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Sherburne. He served for the next three years.



He Was One of US

On a green and distant hill
A line of SAR Guardsmen standing still.

Their heads are high, yet all eyes weep,
Another friend is now asleep,
He rests in God's eternal care.
He stood with us in times now gone,
Times of laughter, of fear, of dreaming of home.

We'll meet again - we Guardsmen all,
We each but await the fife and drum call.

Loss of Former Texas Society President Richard Arnold

Well done good and faithful servant!



The Texas Society's 86th State President, Richard Franklin Arnold, was born July 7, 1926, in Osborne, Ohio, to Thomas Arnold and Mary Liles Arnold. His childhood was spent in places as distant as Moscow, Berlin, and San Antonio, Texas. He entered the Army Air Force in 1944 as an aviation cadet. When the war ended, he enrolled at Washington,

DC's Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

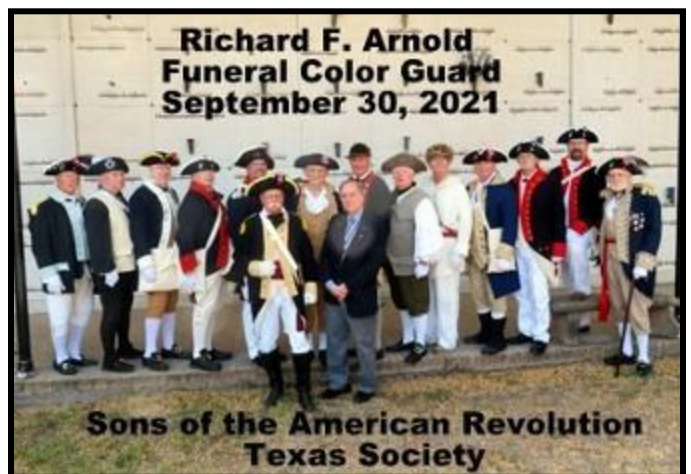
He later returned to Texas and in November of 1950 married Betty Jean Harrison in Dallas. "Dick", as he was fondly called, joined the Dallas Chapter of the SAR in 1992 after his genealogy research proved a family bloodline to Patriot ancestor Peter Arnold, who had served in the militia during the American Revolution.

Other supplemental Patriots were soon added to his ancestor list (Henry Harley, William and Benjamin Johnson). It wasn't too much longer before he had advanced up the ladder of service positions to become the Chapter's 58th President in 1996.

Known for his many miles of RV travel throughout the state and country, he continued to participate at various Texas Society committee and officer positions, with a primary emphasis on promoting the Society's image and educational purpose to youth and the general community at local, State, and National Color Guard activities and civic events. His last relocation was to move north and join Plano Chapter, where he also served as its President.

The loving husband of Betty, father of daughters: Martha Koch & Tracy Gayner (all DAR members) and proud grandfather to four – passed away September 26, 2021, in Carrollton, Texas.

Dick's funeral was held on September 30th at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Fourteen members of the Texas Society Color Guard, commanded by Texas Society State Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy, stood vigil at his coffin and performed pallbearer duties. Texas Society State President Drake Peddie offered the eulogy.



Yorktown Celebration 2021

On October 19th, 2021, the Virginia Society SAR held its annual wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. in conjunction with Yorktown Day celebrations. This year, Yorktown Day marks the 240th anniversary of the American-French victory over the British at Yorktown in 1781.

Governor Nelson was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, War Governor of Virginia, and Commander of Virginia's Forces. Each year, the Virginia Society honors and perpetuates the memory of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. with a wreath-laying ceremony at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown.



The members of the Virginia Society Color Guard. Compatriot Vann Cunningham is on the back row, extreme right side.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Compatriots Vann Cunningham, Doug Schwetke, and Bill Schwetke also performed Color Guard duties at the SAR wreath-laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on September 19th, but alas, no photos are available for that as they were participants, not spectators.



In the photo above, Compatriot Vann Cunningham (L) of the Texas Society and dual member Bill Schwetke (R) of the Virginia Society stand on either side of the wreath presented on behalf of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter.



In the photo above, Compatriot Vann Cunningham, assisted by Bill Schwetke, Virginia Society, lays a wreath from the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter.

Photos provided by James Vann Cunningham
Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6





Present Colors by the members of the Virginia Society Color Guard.

Standing Vigil at General Washington's Tomb

“Within this Enclosure Rest the remains of Genl. George Washington.” This is the brief legend inscribed on a stone tablet over the entrance to the tomb vault at Mount Vernon. Behind the iron gate are two marble sarcophagi, one inscribed “Washington,” the other “Martha, Consort of Washington.”

On September 18th, 2021, three members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participated in the annual George Washington Tomb Vigil at Mount Vernon. Compatriot Vann Cunningham, and Compatriots Bill Schwetke and Doug Schwetke, both dual members of the Virginia Society and the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, represented us in The Vigil.

After posting the U.S. and Washington Commander-in-Chief's flag, the participants were divided into groups of two. Each group stood fifteen-minute tours throughout the day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. The Vigil was under the command of National Color Guard Commander C. Louis Raborg, Jr.



Above, Compatriots Doug Schwetke (L) and Bill Schwetke (R) stand guard in front of General Washington's Tomb.



Left, Compatriot Vann Cunningham stands guard duty.

Bottom (L to R), Compatriots Doug Schwetke, Vann Cunningham, & Bill Schwetke.





At the Board of Managers Luncheon on Saturday, October 9, 2021, Past President Tom Jackson presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Ken Pridgeon and Carolyn Spillane. This is the highest award that may be presented to a member of the public by a state society and is only done with the approval of the sitting state president, in this case that is Drake Peddie.

CAROLYN SPILLANE is an educator with 40 years of experience spanning from being a classroom teacher to assistant high school principal to associate superintendent of the largest suburban school district in the United States. In 2005, Cypress Fairbanks ISD named a middle school after her in recognition of the positive impact she had upon the district.

Ms. Spillane, along with the help of two veterans, her brother and her late husband, is credited for bringing the JROTC program to Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

KEN PRIDGEON was honored for his paintings of Texas Fallen Warriors. He has completed 375 and has also rendered another estimated 200 paintings of Fallen Warriors from outside the state. He paints a collage at no cost and provides each family member with a print of the painting.

The artist started painting as a youth and spent a career painting billboards in the Houston area.

Also present at Saturday's luncheon was the Gold Star Family of Marine Staff Sergeant Jeremy Smith. President Peddie acknowledged the sacrifice of each family member present: SSgt Smith's father Jerry Smith, step-mother Julia Smith, uncle Danny Smith, and aunt Linda Black



Daryl Addington (second from right), Vice Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund, was a special guest at the Fall BOM. He is pictured with (left to right) Past President Tom Jackson, District 5 Vice President Tom Van Fossen, District 9 Vice President Ted Wilson, and President Drake Peddie.

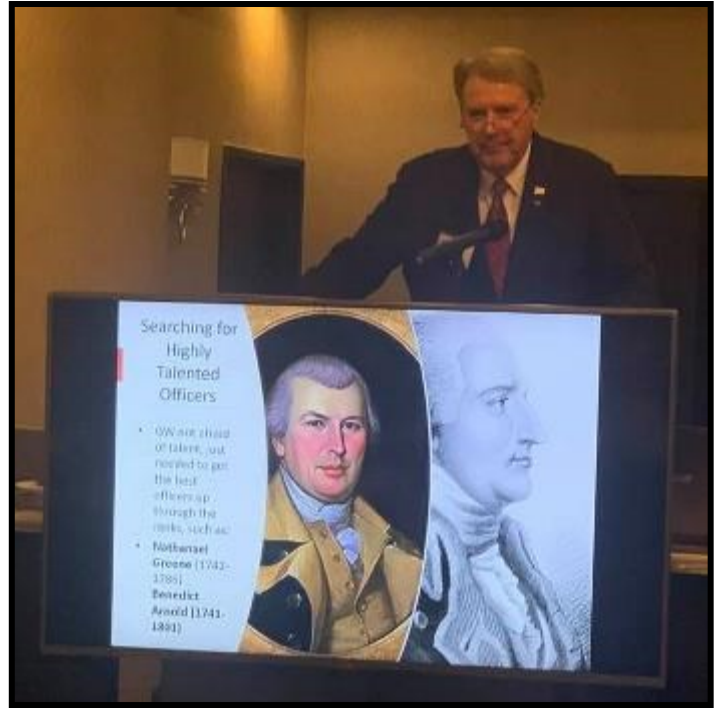




Shown left to right are Stephen Rohrbaugh, Frank Rohrbaugh, artist Ken Prideon, Texas Society President Drake Peddie, and Past President Tom Jackson.







The speaker for the Saturday evening banquet on October 9, 2021, was Dr. James Kirby Martin, University of Houston Cullen Professor Emeritus. He is also a member of the Paul Carrington Chapter, Texas Sons of the American Revolution. His topic revolved around some interesting and unique aspects of the leadership of General George Washington.

James Kirby Martin is the author of over 12 books, many of them focused on Revolutionary America. He has taught U. S. history at Rutgers University, The Citadel, United States Military Academy at West Point, and the University of Houston where he also served as the Department Chair.

He has appeared in television programs on the History Channel, the Fox News Network, the American Heroes Network, and Fox Nation. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Fort Ticonderoga Association and is a historian consultant to the Oneida Indian Nation of New York.

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Texas Society and 125 Years

This December, the Texas SAR has its 125th anniversary. A worthy time to talk of hereditary societies and the creation of both the SAR and the Texas Society.



It all began as Washington was disbanding the Continental Army. General Henry Knox [pictured above] was planning the creation of a society for “the remembrance of this vast event” (the achievement of American Independence), “to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature,” and “to render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers.” The organization was called the Society of the Cincinnati and General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben [pictured below] presided over its first meeting on May 13, 1783.



Though the initial Hereditary society in the United States, its restriction of membership only to officers who served, or their first-borne sons, limited their membership to a few thousand spread among the 13 original states. For a time this was tolerable, but after the War of 1812, America expanded to such a size that many Americans hardly knew the organization existed.

In the decade following the Civil War, men looked for ways to mend the nation. In San Francisco, the approach of the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence proved a catalyst. As the City planned a large celebration, descendants of men who served in the Continental Line got the idea to form a new society: one open to descendants of the common man who served, not just the officers. By July 4th, 1876, 50 descendants were marching in the San Francisco city parade under the title “Sons of Revolutionary War Sires (SRWS)”. The goal of the group was to “honor the men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes, and livelihood” to the striving for independence from Great Britain.

Following the anniversary celebration, the California Society grew and prospered. This prompted members of the New York Cincinnati to begin considering a new society that was open to any man who could prove descent from a patriot (Continental line or militia). Seven years later and just a few months after the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, another society was organized in the City of New York on December 4, 1883 (100 years after Washington said goodbye to his officers). Now titled Sons of the Revolution [SR], it was more inclusive than Cincinnati, but still elitist in its requirement that any new chapters had to be approved by the New York chapter.

The problems with the SR became visible with the formation of a chapter in New Jersey in 1889. The year of the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, patriotic emotions were stirred again among many citizens in the State. One citizen was William Osborn McDowell, financier and businessman. He helped organize the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution only to be quickly disillusioned with the requirement that the new be subordinate to the New York Society. McDowell wanted a society with broad and generous membership requirements, recognizing as patriots people who supported the Revolution in a variety of ways— not necessarily from military service.

A committee was appointed and on April 10, 1889, a call was issued inviting delegates from all states and territories to meet in Fraunce’s Tavern in New York on April 20, 1889. The goal was to organize a new National Society, in which every state was entitled to one delegate at large, proportioned upon the number of members within that state. Ten days later, twenty delegates from a dozen states met, voted and formed the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution [SAR].



The first National Congress of the Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 30, 1890. With the new Society formed, the creation of new State chapters then began. Texas joined the SAR on December 9, 1896, with the announcement of the formation of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter. At the organizational meeting, men from Galveston, Austin, Dallas, Weatherford, Eagle Pass, Fort Clark, etc., selected the Honorable Ira H. Evans as the first state president. The first annual meeting of the Texas Society SAR (TXSSR) was then held on February 22, 1897, with fifteen members in attendance. On June 9, 1906, the SAR was formally granted a congressional charter under Title 36 of the United States Code. The act was signed by SAR member, and then President of the United States, Theodor Roosevelt.

The Texas Society has provided the National Society with nine Presidents General.

The Texas Society has also had its share of state and national Public Servants, including former President of the United States George Walker Bush, his father George Herbert Walker Bush, and Lyndon Baines Johnson. George HW Bush and LBJ also served as Vice Presidents of the United States. Also, members of the Texas Society were Texas Governors Oscar B. Colquitt, Beauford H. Jester, Allan Shivers, William P. Clements, George W. Bush, and J. Richard Perry.

As of this 125th anniversary, the Texas Society has 49 active chapters and 3171+ active members. The Society has also identified 59 American Revolutionary War patriots buried within the State of Texas.

“Does your chapter have anything planned to recognize this anniversary?”

By James Gibson
Arlington Chapter #7

2021 Lafayette Volunteer Service Medals Announced

Gary O. Green, Chairman, Patriot Records Committee, has announced that the following individuals from the Texas Society earned the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster(s) [OLC] during 2021.

Gary Spargo, 38 medals (Certificate, 3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze OLCs)

Terry L. Holden, 37 medals (Certificate, 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze OLCs)

Raymond Hargis, 27 medals (Certificate, 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze OLCs)

David Temple, 10 medals (Certificate, 1 Gold OLC)

James Anderson, 8 medals (Medal, Certificate, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze OLCs)

Rodney Young, 7 medals (Certificate, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze OLC)

John Jansma, 6 medals (Certificate, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze OLC)

Glenn Baker, 6 medals (Certificate, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze OLC)

Gary Barker, 6 medals (Certificate, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze OLC)

Kermit Breed, 6 medals (Medal, Certificate, 1 Silver OLC)

Charles Haby, 5 medals (Medal, Certificate, 4 Bronze OLCs)

David Peavy, 3 medals (Certificate, 3 Bronze OLCs)

David Hamaker, 2 medals (Certificate, 2 Bronze OLCs)

Edwin Sellards, 2 medals (Medal, Certificate, 1 Bronze OLC)

Ronald Turner, 1 medal (Certificate, 1 Bronze OLC)

Chris Chapman, 1 medal (Medal, Certificate)

Awards will be presented at the 2022 State Convention in April in Richardson.

HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE



Texas Society SAR President Drake Peddie honors and Remembers Boniface Trosclair, former Registrar for the Plano Chapter each and every time he is at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery for Color Guard duty. Compatriot Trosclair handled President Peddie’s paperwork when he applied to SAR in 2003. Compatriot Trosclair was born and raised in Louisiana and was on the beach at Imo Jima in World War II. He survived that and came home and attended LSU. According to President Peddie, Compatriot Trosclair was a wonderful fellow. He is buried right where the Color Guard post colors at DFW Cemetery for KIAs. President Peddie gives Compatriot Trosclair a salute every time he is at the cemetery.

DAN HAMILTON SHARES REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY WITH GRANDSON'S CLASS

What a fabulous Friday morning! My grandson's 8th grade history class at Jerry Knight STEM Academy [in Mansfield, Texas ISD] was currently studying the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Lindsey invited me to come and speak to three of his history classes. I spoke about the Declaration, without saying, and how it's premises are still as important today as they were in 1776.

I spoke a little bit about the differences between muskets and rifles and the accuracy of both.

I carried samples of clothing...a shirt, waistcoat, breeches, shoes ("no right or left, they must have hurt!" they said), and a hunting frock. I picked a model from the class to see how it felt and also did the same with a Regimental frock coat. I talked about how the uniform trim colors changed based on a unit's home location. And, what is a uniform without a tricorne hat!

The class and I had fun with Flags showing the first Navy Jack Flag, the Fort Moultrie Flag, and Washington's Headquarters' Flag. We talked about how the Color Guard was not just a ceremonial group and how and why it was important on the battlefield. I showed examples of musket and rifle patching, musket and rifle balls, and a paper cartridge.

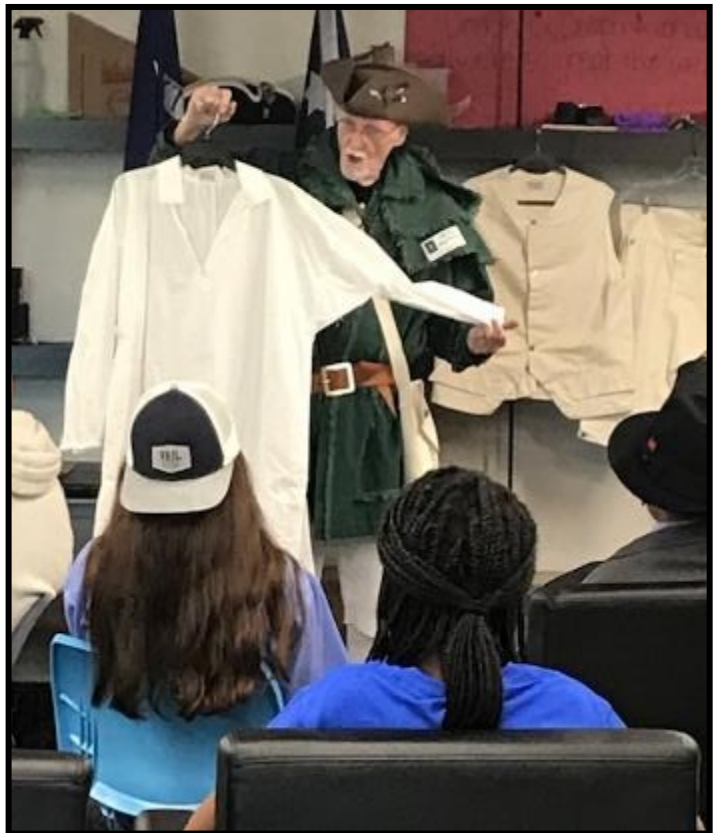
We looked at photos of The Charleville musket, the Brown Bess musket with bayonet attached, and the Long Rifle.

I spoke briefly about some of the unsung heroes, trying to focus on minorities. Names discussed included Crispus Attucks, the Salem Poor, as well as the 1st Connecticut Regiment. We also talked about Bernardo de Galvez keeping the British busy in the south to keep them from attacking American forces from the rear. He also kept the Mississippi and Ohio rivers open so the Americans could receive much needed supplies, such as powder, guns, uniforms, etc. We also talked about Galvez asking the Spanish Governor of Tejas to support the Americans by sending cattle. Simon Archoa and his drovers herded cattle from San Antonio to New Orleans so they could be shipped to American troops. We didn't forget the girls. We talked about Betsy Ross and Daring Dicey Langston.

I spoke about SAR Essay and Oration contests (pamphlets were left) and I gave Mr. Lindsey samples of lesson plans available from the NSSAR web site.

I distributed about 100 copies of the Declaration of Independence. They were well received!

By Dan Hamilton
Arlington Chapter #7



Massing of the Colors Fort Worth

The Fort Worth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars [MOWW] held its 41st Annual Massing of the Colors on Sunday afternoon, November 7th, 2021. The Interfaith Patriotic Service was co-hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter MOWW and the Fort Worth ISD Junior ROTC. The well-attended service was held at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth at 2:30 p.m.

The MOWW's mission is to unite in self service to the United States of America. They honor the outstanding future leaders of our country by recognizing the achievements of those students involved in the ROTC and JROTC programs in and around greater Fort Worth, as well as the exceptional achievements of Eagle and Gold Award Scouting youth. They sponsor top performing students at our annual two-day Youth Leadership Conference and educational workshop.

The Order carries on the historical traditions of Massing of the Colors each year. They are involved in parades, laying of wreaths, and other commemoration services for veterans and service members.

Every chapter of the Oder strictly serves its community without any political or financial gain.

The Order is open to all Commissioned Officers including Active, Former, Retired, Reserve, National Guard, or Warrant Officers of the US Armed Forces or other Federal Uniformed Services who have served since the First World War.

The Order, founded by General of the Armies John J. "Blackjack" Pershing, was incorporated through an Act of Congress on 27 January 1919. Originally a hereditary military society like the Society of the Cincinnati (est. 1783) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (est. 1865), the Order had likewise incorporated chivalric traditions into its mission; particularly of patriotism, civic responsibility, public service, and leadership. Even today, members in the Order are called *Companions* - reminiscent of knightly orders.

Today the Order is more accurately classed as a Veterans Service Organization (VSO). Rather than a focus strictly on historic preservation or camaraderie, the Order is active in the community through volunteering, out-reach programs, and promotion of public service and patriotism. Young future leaders are encouraged to set examples of honor, service, and duty.

"It is nobler to serve than to be served."

The service began with the Entry of Colors. The Frontier Band provided the music while each participating unit, JROTC or community group, provided two members, one to carry the National colors, and the other to carry either the Texas flag or the flag for their respective organization.

The program continued with the singing of "America the Beautiful," followed by a prayer for our country, then the playing of "Taps."

The keynote address was delivered by Col. David J. Green, JAG TXANG. Col. Green is currently assigned as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. In response to the horrific events of September 11, 2001, Col. Green deployed overseas at every rank he held, accumulating over six combat tours in the Central Command Area of Responsibility and over ten short tours in other Global Component Commands. He holds the rare distinction of serving as a deployed Staff Judge Advocate three different times in combat zones. Col. Green currently serves as the JAG for both MOWW Region VIII and the Fort Worth Chapter.

The Colors were advanced and presented while the Frontier Brigade Band played "To the Color." The Congregation stood and sung "The Star Spangled Banner." Following the posting of the Colors, the congregation recited the Pledge of Alliance.

Next, two prayers were read. A Dedication of Colors and a Blessing of the Colors. 1Lt. Lawrence Michael "Mike" Connelley, USArmy (Former), a member of the Fort Worth Chapter MOWW and the current President of the Denton Chapter SAR, read the Blessing of the Colors.

One of the highlights of the event, and probably the most moving, was the reading of The Gettysburg Address while the Frontier Brigade Band played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The program concluded with a Benediction and the Retirement of the Colors.

Individuals representing the Sons of the American Revolution included Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter members Ron Turner, Mark Parkison, Kevin Shellman, and Vann Cunningham and Dallas Chapter members Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts. Representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans were Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter members Bobby Gresham and James Alderman. Representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter member Don Woodworth.





SAR members who participated in MOWW include (left to right):
 Sons of Confederate Veterans Bobby Gresham & James Alderman; Sons of the American Revolution Vann Cunningham, Mark Parkison, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, Ron Turner & Kevin Shellman



MOWW Participants & 2022 Patriot Medal Awardees Tom Van Fossen & Ron Turner



(left to right): Vann Cunningham, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, Ron Turner, Kevin Shellman, and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter member Don Woodworth who represented the Sons of Union Veterans in the Civil War.



DAR Veterans Day Luncheon

The Captain Molly Corbin DAR Chapter in Grapevine, Texas, hosted a Veterans Day luncheon on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the new Vin Hotel in Grapevine. The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR presented, posted, and retrieved the Colors for the event.



1Lt Mike Connelley, USA (Former), Ron Turner, James Alderman & Bill Watts



(Left to right) Compatriots Kevin Shellman, Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, Vann Cunningham, and James Alderman

University of Scouting



The Texas Society SAR was represented well at the University of Scouting on Saturday, November 20th. The University is an annual event for the Boy Scouts of America Longhorn Council. It is the Council's largest training event for adult and youth in Longhorn Council and was held at Tarrant County College, Trinity River Campus, in Fort Worth.

Pictured left to right are Compatriots Gary S. Faletti (Arlington #7), Art Munford (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt #6) and John Anderson (Arlington #7, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt #6).



(Left to right) Compatriots Vann Cunningham, Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, Bonny Kurtz, Mary Kate McRaney, Ja Ann Alderman, James Alderman, and Kevin Shellman

Two Rosettes Placed on Marker for MIA

After 78 years, two more MIA have been identified and a rosette placed next to each of their names to indicate each has been accounted for. Each individual was in separate branches of the service in WW II. Navy Seaman 2nd Class Howard W. Lindsey, 26, of San Antonio was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma. On December 7, 1941, it was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the port was attacked by Japanese aircraft. It sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize and take 429 crewmen to their death including Seaman Lindsey.

Between December 1941 and June 1944, Navy personnel worked on recovering remains of the deceased. They were interred in the Halawa and Nu'uance Cemeteries. Beginning in September 1947, disinterment of the remains in the cemeteries began. Some were identified and the unidentified were placed in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punch Bowl) in Honolulu. He was memorialized on the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Honolulu Memorial of the Counts of the Missing in Honolulu. He also was awarded the Purple Heart.

It was not until 2015 before the USS Oklahoma unknown were exhumed from the Punch Bowl for analysis. We now have so many ways to identify remains by using dental and anthropological analysis, plus Y chromosome DNA. Through these methods, he was identified June 28, 2021, and announced on July 28, 2021. He would be returned on November 5, 2021, to be laid to rest with many others in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) National Cemetery.

The following North Texas Sons of the American Revolution Color Guardsmen were there to honor and thank Navy Seaman 2nd Class Harold W. Lindsey for his service.

Those in attendance were Drake Peddie, Tom Whitelock, Tom Van Fossan, Ted Wilson, T. L. Holden, Bill Watts, John Greer, Mark Harrison, Walt Thomas, Stephen Driever, Bob Kittrill, Jerry Pinkerton, David Kinsey, Brent Harshman, Randall Van Huyst, and Regan Van Huyst.



Also, an article appeared in the Sherman Herald-Democrat newspaper, on Friday, October 8, 2021, about the remains of 1st Lt. Jack K. Wood, 24, being identified and being returned for burial in the Woodberry-Forest Cemetery in Madill, Oklahoma, on October 23, 2021. I contacted Kenneth W. Young, State President of Oklahoma Sons of the American Revolution. He informed me that they were covered up with color guard requests and would be thankful for the Edmund Terrill Chapter covering the burial. T. L. Holden, Paul Mattoon, and Ted Wilson attended the service, along with Patriot Riders and other military personnel.

Lt. Wood was the navigator on a B-24 on a mission called Operation Tidal Wave on August 1, 1943. He was assigned to the 344th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. This was a major action against one of the enemies primary oil sources in the area of Ploiesti, Romania. Of the 177 B-24 Liberators involved in the mission 51 one of them did not return. The plane Jack was on encountered heavy ground fire before it went down killing all nine crewman aboard. He was buried along with 200 airmen, also unknown, by Romanian villagers in the Hero Section of a Military Cemetery in Ploiesti.

It was not until 2017, that the DPAA began exhuming unknown believed to be associated with unaccounted-for airmen from Operation Tidal Wave. The same process used to identify Navy Seaman 2nd Class Harold W. Lindsey was used for Lt. Jack K. Wood. His remains were identified April 19, 2021.

Lt. Jack K. Wood was awarded the Air Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 oak leaf cluster, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart.



It is always a welcome sight to see such a large group of Texas Sons of the American Revolution turn out to welcome a fallen Veteran home.

By Ted Wilson
Edmund Terrill Chapter #34





FORTH WORTH VETERANS DAY PARADE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participants included:

- Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham
- James Alderman
- Gerry Gieger
- Art Munford
- Kevin Shellman
- John Anderson (driver)



John Michael Hamlin Funeral

Approximately 10 SAR Compatriots were present at the funeral service for John Michael Hamlin at the Houston National Veterans Cemetery on November 8, 2021. Most of those present were from the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter and the Freedom Chapter and included John Thompson, John Meredith, D. Marshall Brown, Bill Mayo, Sam Massey, Allen Henshaw, and Tom Jackson.

The National Veterans Color Guard folded the flag covering the casket and performed a rifle salute with Taps.



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https://www.txssar.org/pdf/Permission_Youth.pdf.

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